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Friday fair; decidedly
colder.

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DEATH DEALT BY DYNAMITE IN COAL MINE

Score Injured, Many Fatally, When Hot Candle Drops Upon Explosive.

RESCUERS ARE BAFFLED BY POISONOUS GASES

Search Being Made for Bodies in Deep Shaft Near Mesnard, Mich.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 6.—The Mesnard shaft of the Quincy mine was visited last night by one of the worst disasters that has befallen a copper country mine in years. That the loss of life was not greater than actually occurred is believed to have been due to the quick relief measures instituted by the mining company. At least one man was killed and a score, more or less, injured, as the result of the explosion of several thousand pounds of dynamite stored in a magazine of the twenty-first level.

Fire Breaks Out.
Until an early hour this morning it was impossible to ascertain the extent of the damage, and even then there were a number of men who have not been accounted for. Fire broke out after the explosion, and the damage may be much worse than at first was believed.

Forty miners had just descended to commence the night shift in the Mesnard shaft when the magazine exploded. William Goggin was instantly killed and a number of the thirty-nine others fatally injured.

Rescuing Difficult.
Rescue parties immediately commenced an underground search for the missing men. The heat and gases caused by the explosion made this work difficult, but with perseverance the men finally located unconscious and badly injured men. It has been ascertained that the explosion was caused by a miner who was engaged in cutting a stick of dynamite, dropping some flaming grease from his candle.

ASSESSOR'S POST FOR A. A. WILSON

Likely to Get Late T. Fred Alvey's Appointment.

Although no official announcement will be made for a few days, it is understood that A. A. Wilson will be named by the District Commissioners as a member of the permanent board of assistant assessors of the District. T. Fred Alvey, first assistant assessor, was named for this berth, but his death yesterday at Frederick, Md., will make it necessary for the Commissioners to choose a successor.

Mr. Wilson's name has been suggested to Commissioner West, and it is understood that the Commissioner regards him in a most favorable light. It is understood also that Louis C. Wilson, secretary to Commissioner West, will assume the duties of second assistant assessor before the end of the present week. Secretary Wilson was named to this position on October 6, immediately following the announcement of Assessor Darnell's resignation, which becomes effective on December 31. He was not to have entered the new position until January 1, 1907, but the conditions of the assessor's office demand that an early transfer be made.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

There will be a general fall in temperature over the entire Washington forecast district.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Hatteras to Eastport, and on the lower lakes.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh to brisk southerly, shifting to westerly winds and showery weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	51
12 noon	52
1 p. m.	50

DOWNTOWN.
(Registered Affleck's Standard Thermometer.)

9 a. m.	50
12 noon	50
1 p. m.	48

SUN TABLE.
Sun sets today.....4:38
Sun rises tomorrow.....4:38

TIDE TABLE.
High tide today.....11:47 p. m.
Low tide today.....5:58 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow.....6:35 a. m.; 6:47 p. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Both rivers clear.

Times Want Ads Bring Results.

TWO MEET DEATH IN AN EXPLOSION IN SHOE FACTORY

Three Hundred Employees Thrown Into Panic as Boiler is Hurlled Through Roof; Many Being Injured in Rush.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 6.—Three hundred employees of the P. J. Harney shoe factory in West Lynn were thrown into unreasoning panic today when the boiler in the cellar burst, wrecking the building and starting a fire in which at least two persons are believed to have lost their lives.

NEWS GATHERERS, OUT FOR A LARK, COME TO CAPITAL

Jersey Journalists Guests at Banquet Given by Major Thompson.

The portals of the New Willard today harbor the members of the New Jersey Legislative Correspondent's Club—a bunch of newspaper men out on a lark—who came here from Trenton, N. J., to attend a dinner given them at the New Willard by Maj. Robert A. Thompson. One of the small dining rooms of the hotel was thrown open to the scribblers and for several hours last night, newspaper jargon held full sway.

These wielders of the stylus and indenters of the parchment are out on their annual frolic, when they put copy and shears behind them and let themselves to green pastures where the call of the telephone is unheeded and a fresh copy-boy is an unknown Frank.

Assignment of Fun.

They all want a big assignment of fun and do not want to make good at a banquet.

Heads and subheads of the organization put on their make-ups for a good time, and from the stories they tell of frolics past and present, proof is positive that they cannot be scooped on having the time of their lives at least once a year.

A noon train today carried the crowd away from Washington for Old Point Comfort, where they will spend a few days away from the maddening throng and the busy typewriter. About thirty-five pencil pushers boarded the train, and they say that Old Point will be just the place for a nice quiet nap before they return to the grind of legislative reporting, which will fall to their lot in about three weeks.

The party were Lawrence S. Mott, New York Tribune; Fred Eke, Hoboken Observer; Charles Ransom, Newark News; John T. O'Brien, Jersey City Journal; James Kearney, Camden Post-Telegram; Charles S. Bacon, of the Philadelphia Record; and Harry S. Jewell, of the Philadelphia Enquirer. The party was joined here by Herman B. Walker, Washington correspondent of the Newark News.

SENATE ABANDONS "POLLING SYSTEM"

No more "polling" of committees on nominations is the decision reached by the Senate in executive session. This means that hereafter, before an appointment is acted on, it will have to be referred to a committee, acted on regularly at a committee meeting, and reported in regular form. The question arose Wednesday in connection with the proposed confirmation of Cabinet appointees. The committees to which these appointments were referred had not had time to meet, except in the case of Secretary Metcalf, and it was decided not to confirm any of the appointments until all had been regularly reported. The only exception will be in the case of former United States Senators who have received appointments. Objections to the "polling" system was raised because of the unfortunate complications last session of the Binion of the Washington Canal Commission. It was represented the Inter-Canal Commission had been polled, but it was found later it had not been, and confirmations based on the supposed poll were rescinded.

MISTAKE CORRECTED BY BISHOP SATTERLEE

To the Editor of The Times:

In answer to inquiries from many directions and to correct a misapprehension that may arise from statements in the daily press, I desire to explain that an entertainment about to be given at the Belasco Theater is for the benefit, not of the Binion of the Washington Canal Commission, but of St. Thomas' Parish, as the Bishop of Washington's Fund was organized.

HENRY V. SATTERLEE,
Bishop of Washington.
December 6, 1906.

THEATRICAL CUPID BUSY; THESPIANS WED TODAY

Albert K. Hall and Carrie Cecilia Cooper, members of the Bankers' and Brokers' Musical Comedy Company, which is playing at a local theater this week, were married this afternoon by the Rev. H. Schroeder. Mr. Hall gave his residence as Flushing, N. J., and his age as twenty-three. Miss Cooper comes from Brooklyn, N. Y., and is just eighteen.

lost their lives. The fire spread until it involved eight adjoining factories and a number of dwellings, all of which were destroyed, with a loss estimated at \$300,000.

At first it was thought that most of the Harney employees were in the building when the flames occurred, but it was found later that only a few had entered for the day's work.

The only workman unaccounted for is Henry Cohen, who is believed to have perished. An unknown man was seen to fall into the flames at the factory of Tufts & Friedman, which caught fire soon afterward. Eleven were injured, several seriously.

Hunting for Engineer.

The police are hunting for William J. Dunham, engineer at the Harney factory. He was taken to the hospital, but left soon afterward for his home, and after disappeared.

The force of the explosion was terrific. It burst up through the four machinery-laden floors, and lifted the roof, spread outward immediately in its wake and before the department arrived the whole neighborhood was a mass of flames.

Police Officers Burrell and Swan rescued four men from the fire just before the flames reached them. Two had broken legs; the others slighter injuries.

Property Loss \$300,000.

The damage is estimated at \$300,000. A broken water main handicapped the firemen and before a stream could be turned on the flames they had spread to the adjoining structures. The buildings consumed were Tufts & Friedman's factory; the Boston and Maine railroad station at West Lynn; the Owen box factory; the Jacobson Leather Company's establishment; the school of the United Shoe Machinery Company; and the storehouse of H. P. Hood & Son, together with several dwelling houses.

MICROPHONE TEST IN LOWER HOUSE PROVES SUCCESS

Instrument Reproduces All Sounds From One Chamber to Another.

A test was made in the House chamber last evening of the remarkable electrical invention called the microphone, which, it is thought, may be installed at the Capitol. A small receiving instrument was placed on the clerk's desk, connected by telephone wires with different parts of the House wing, and experiments were made which seemed to demonstrate conclusively that the instrument would record and reproduce exactly as a telephone does, all sounds produced in the chamber, even in a conversational tone. It is proposed to install this instrument in each of the legislative chambers, and to connect it with a receiving instrument in each committee room, so that members will be able to sit in their rooms and follow the discussions and proceedings just as closely as if they were in their seats in the chamber.

The microphone is the invention of K. M. Turner, of New York, and is so constructed that the sounds received at the central receiving station may be transmitted to any number of earpieces.

Superintendent Wood, of the Capitol building, in charge of the experiment, which will be conducted still further before any recommendation is made to install the system.

Mr. Turner did not care to discuss the matter in detail.

Members have been much interested in the experiment because they believe that when the new office building is completed it would be a very great convenience, enabling members to follow the proceedings in detail without leaving their committee room in the office building.

FRIGID MEETING BETWEEN SENATORS

Spooner and La Follette Pass Without Word or Wink.

Senators Spooner and La Follette of Wisconsin met on the steps of the White House this morning and passed each other without the wink of an eye or the ghost of a smile. Senator La Follette was just going out after having introduced to the President Representative Nelson, one of the baby members of the House. Senator Spooner was just going in.

Didn't you notice Senator Spooner, who just went in?" one of Senator La Follette's friends inquired after the cold wave caused by the frigid meeting had become somewhat neutralized by the warmth of the December outer air.

"I didn't happen to see him until after he had gone in," replied Senator La Follette. And then he winked his left eye.

NEW TREATY WITH JAPAN IS RUMORED

Senator Perkins of California Has Conference on Subject With the President.

EXCLUDE COOLIES FROM THIS COUNTRY

Belief That New Agreement Will Meet Little Opposition From the Japanese.

Despite official denials that this Government proposes to negotiate a new treaty with Japan which will give the United States the right to exclude Japanese coolies, confirmation of the report that such a movement is on has come from highest sources. No less an authority than Senator Perkins, senior Senator from California, said today the President had taken steps to pave the way for a modification of the present treaty, such modification permitting exclusion of Japanese coolies or the peon labor of the island kingdom from America.

Senator Perkins called on President Roosevelt today and talked over the Japanese situation. Later he made it clear the movement for a modified treaty had been begun. Just how far the preliminary negotiations have gone, Senator Perkins did not say.

"Exclusion of the Japanese laborers, the shutting out of the peon labor of Japan, must come eventually," said Senator Perkins. "Only in this way can a permanent settlement of the controversy now being discussed be effected. I believe it the duty of the Administration to negotiate a new treaty. The President has already paved the way for such negotiations."

Opposition Not Expected.

Senator Perkins discussed the question whether Japan would consent to the exclusion of her laboring classes from this country. He expressed the belief the Japanese government would not oppose it. "Japan's representatives tell us," he said, "that Japan does not want her people to come to this country, but on the other hand wants them to go to Korea and Manchuria and settle there. Under the circumstances, believe exclusion can be brought about."

Senator Perkins was asked what concessions this country would make to make to Japan in order to effect exclusion. He did not say, but intimated some important concessions would have to be made. "Treaties, you know, are give and take affairs."

Japs Conspiring Declares Senator

The Far West and the South have common cause in their race problems. The Southerners, as they express themselves about the Japanese question on the coast, make clear that they understand what the Californians have in their mind, and some of the extremists suggest that the San Francisco question is not to be lightly passed over as an incident to be forgotten and everybody has had his say.

Moreover, it is apparent that California is not nearly alone in its protest against the Japanese Western public men point out that this problem has been developing for a long time. The San Francisco incident only brought a crisis in it that they say was sure to come in time, one way or another.

A Western Senator, who comes from a mountain, rather than a coast, State, talked frankly of the view of his people. He would not permit his name to be used, because careful statements just now don't want to be posed as alarmists. But he made it plain that the people in his State do not regard the question as merely a local incident in California.

"I have no doubt that the whole West is honeycombed by the operations of Japanese agents and spies," he said. "I have seen evidence enough to make me believe it. They are working just as they did in Russia and Manchuria before the war with Russia."

The people of the West are very much in earnest about this question. The Japanese are still coming to our shores, and will keep coming, making the problem larger and larger if they are permitted without restriction."

The speaker was not predicting a war; but he said he felt that the situation required to be understood as one demanding serious attention, and not to be underestimated in importance.

MRS. SEWELL'S REMAINS TAKEN TO CAMDEN, N. J.

Mrs. Helen Louisa Sewell, widow of Maj. Gen. William Joyce Sewell, died of heart disease yesterday, in the home of Col. Charles Heyl, U. S. A., 2009 Wyoming avenue, after an illness of a few days. Mrs. Sewell returned to Washington from her home in Camden, N. J., a little more than two weeks ago. She had been quite feeble for some time, and became ill two or three days ago.

KING SENDS CROSS TO NEWSPAPER MAN

The King of Belgium, through Baron Moncheur, the Belgian Minister, has conferred upon A. Maurice Low, Washington correspondent for the Boston Globe and the London Post, the Cross of the Order of Leopold of Belgium which carries with it the title of Chevalier.

Curzon's Breast Stirred With New-Born Ambition To Be Prime Minister

Former Viceroy of All India



LORD CURZON,
Reported to Have Declined to Succeed Sir Mortimer Durand—Said to Aspire to Prime Ministership.

Durand's Place Open to Him But He Says No

Curzon Likes Washington, But Is Lured by Place Near Crown.

Lord Curzon's ambition is to be prime minister of England rather than ambassador to the United States, or any other country. Since the visit of the former viceroy of India to this city, he has been stated emphatically on semi-official authority that he will not be made the successor of Sir Mortimer Durand in this country.

It is stated by a friend of Lord Curzon in this city that during his visit here he allowed it to become definitely known that he has no desire whatever to enter into the foreign diplomatic service at this stage of his career. If he were to be appointed to any post he would prefer Washington above all others, owing to his relationship with the United States, and in order for himself and his children to be close to those nearest related to the late Lady Curzon.

Has Aged Perceptibly.

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It is not expected that the former power in India will take any part in public affairs for at least a year or two. He will live quietly on his estate at Kedleston, except for the time that he expects to put in at the European watering places, and in traveling for rest and recuperation.

Looks to Parliament.

After that it is expected that he will return to England and cast out his lines for a conspicuous part in parliament, looking ultimately to the seat of prime minister. In the opinion of a number of Washington officials and European diplomats who carefully watch British politics, it is expected that the Irish lord would have little difficulty in attaining to the highest flights of his life's ambition.

The opinion is expressed by many foreign diplomats in this city that the King would be glad to appoint Lord Curzon to the Washington post, if Lord Curzon were willing.

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The body of Mrs. Sewell was taken to Camden, N. J., this morning, where funeral services will be held on Saturday from her home in that city, 625 Cooper street.

Anything to Sell?

Housekeepers who desire to dispose of their furniture or personal effects will find the best market at Sloan's, 1407 G st. Sale every Saturday at 10 a. m. An old reliable concern, strictly an auction commission business, always working for owners.—Adv.

HARRIMAN LINES UNDER THE FIRE OF COMMISSION

Plans Making to Investigate World's Greatest Railroad System Under Sherman Law.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is holding a conference today which is likely to prove historic. The commission are considering plans for their investigation of the Harriman railroad system. The entire financial and traffic concerns of this, the greatest system in the world, with about 23,000 miles of road and over two billions of investment, will be subjected to the most searching scrutiny. The Department of Justice will be given the report, and recommendations of the commission, and upon it will base procedure for the enforcement of any law that may appear to have been violated.

The Sherman anti-trust law, the interstate commerce act, and perhaps the general conspiracy statutes, are expected to point the directions that prosecution will take. If substantial legal ground can be found—and it is strongly believed that will be—a determined effort will be made in the courts to dissolve the great merger exactly as the Northern Securities was dissolved.

It was in a publication in The Times, some six weeks ago, that the first announcement was made of the purpose to have this system put under the glass of the Interstate Commission's inquiry. In financial and other circles the report was for a time scooped, but the conference of today is detailing plans for exactly the proceeding first outlined in this paper.

Basis of Proceedings.

In the Northern Securities case the evidence elicited by the commission became the basis of the whole proceeding later started by the Department of Justice. That evidence showed that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern were paralleled and competing roads in the Harriman inquiry it will be shown that the Southern Pacific and Chicago and Alton, which are also parallel and competing lines, The Harriman owner, the huge stock of Baltimore and Ohio stock will likewise be looked into.

Oregon Short Line's Position.

The Oregon Short Line Railway Company occupies in a general way the position of holding company for the Harriman system. Its stocks and bonds are held by the Union Pacific. The Oregon Short Line in turn holds the \$50,000,000 of common stock of the Southern Pacific, which controls that system and which was bought by the Union Pacific interests.

The claim will doubtless be put forward that the Oregon Short Line is not a competitor of any other road in the system, and therefore that its ownership of stock in the Southern Pacific is not in effect a restraint of trade; but the lawyers believe the courts will sweep aside such technical objections, and going to the root of the matter, find that the system as a whole is a restraint of competition just as the Northern Securities was held to be. Es-

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"When she came up the first time, aft- er sinking in the water, I struck her."

GILLETTE LIED TO ATTORNEYS; TRAPS HIMSELF

Unconsciously Betrays His Secret; Will Be Sentenced Monday Next.

To Seek New Trial

Counsel prepares papers, asking for new trial, court defers sentence until Monday. Convicted man loses his former nonchalant air when taken to court. Deeply interested in argument of counsel asking postponement of sentence.

HERKIMER, N. Y., Dec. 6.—When Chester E. Gillette, the convicted murderer of "Billy" Brown, his sweetheart, told on the witness stand his pitiful weak story of how the little factory girl had jumped into Big Moose lake and committed suicide, there were six men in the court room who knew as well as he did that he was lying.

They knew that two days before he had confessed to former Senator Albert M. Mills, his junior counsel, that he had struck the girl in the water; that "Billy" Brown rose to the surface once after she went overboard, and that the man for whom she had sacrificed honor and faith and beauty leaned over the side of the boat and dealt her a blow which stilled her forever.

It was this confession which was in District Attorney Ward's mind when he demanded of Gillette in so many words to repeat what he had said in his cell.

Jail Officials Overheard.

"Did you not confess night before last," was Ward's question, "that you struck Grace Brown when she came up beside the boat?" Gillette whined back that he had not, and in the dramatic hours that followed eight was lost of that interrogation.

Ward, however, proven by Sherin Richard and Evans, a turnkey, that Gillette lied, but to have put them on the witness stand would have been to make a reversal of the trial by the court of appeals absolutely certain. Justice Devendorf would not permit them to swear to any confession that had been overheard between Mills and Gillette.

It was on that Monday night that Mills, after having been sleepless for nearly a week, decided that Gillette's position could not be much worse if he let the defendant go on the witness stand. The old attorney had not reached this decision without a struggle with his professional conscience.

Admits Striking the Girl.

As the story was told today in Herkimer, Mills, upon entering Gillette's cell, informed the prisoner that he would have to take the witness stand in his own defense. He asked him to go over again the different events of the fatal day. Gillette did this, and was recounting his story of how the girl had taken her life, when in a moment of mental lapse, he said:

"When she came up the first time after sinking in the water I struck her."

"You wretch, why did you not tell me this before?" Senator Mills is reported as saying.

Gillette was silent.

Lawyers Cool to Gillette.

When the trial was resumed the following morning it was observed and remarked by many that there was an apparent coolness between Gillette and his lawyers, Mills and Charles D. Thomas. They did not sit near him, and during the days when he asked him to go over again the different events of the fatal day, Gillette did this, and was recounting his story of how the girl had taken her life, when in a moment of mental lapse, he said:

"When she came up the first time after sinking in the water I struck her."

Sooner had the confession of Gillette taken place than it was reported to District Attorney Ward. But he saw the danger of attempting to use it in evidence. It is said that not until after a conference with Justice Devendorf did he abandon all thought of it. He did try to surprise Gillette into a confession of what the sheriff and turnkey heard, but that young man was on his guard.

Sentence on Monday Next.

Gillette was not sentenced today. In order that his counsel may have time to prepare papers asking for a new trial, Judge Devendorf, on motion of counsel, deferred sentencing the slayer of "Billy" Brown until next Monday.

Pale and ghostlike, Gillette was brought into court today. Much of his nondenial manner was lost, and he evidenced much concern in the argument of counsel. He was brought from Herkimer jail heavily manacled to Deputy Sheriff Klock.